

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and claim listings in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of making a paperboard carton ~~cartons~~ with selectively reinforced panels, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) advancing a web of noncorrugated paperboard along a path, the web of noncorrugated paperboard having a width and longitudinally extending panel portions that will each become a plurality of panels, the longitudinally extending panel portions being separated by longitudinal fold lines ~~in completed paperboard cartons~~;

(b) progressively applying and adhering at least ~~one ribbon~~ a first ribbon and a second ribbon of reinforcing material to the advancing web of noncorrugated paperboard, the ~~ribbon~~ first ribbon and the second ribbon having a width less than the width of the web of noncorrugated paperboard, ~~the first ribbon and~~ being positioned to overlie and adhere to substantially all of, but not beyond, a first selected longitudinally extending panel portion of the web, and the second ribbon being positioned to overlie and adhere to substantially all of, but not beyond, a second selected longitudinally extending panel portion of the web, the first ribbon and the second ribbon not extending across the longitudinal fold lines;

(c) cutting the web of noncorrugated paperboard to form a carton blank ~~blanks~~ having panels; and

(d) forming the carton blank ~~blanks~~ into a carton ~~cartons~~ for receiving articles, the ~~ribbon~~ first ribbon and the second ribbon of reinforcing material reinforcing ~~at least one panel of~~ the carton ~~cartons~~.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 1 and where in step (b) the at least one wherein at least one of the first ribbon or the second ribbon of reinforcing material is a ribbon of comprises~~ paperboard.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 1 and~~ wherein step (b) further comprises advancing the first ribbon and the second ~~at least one~~ ribbon of reinforcing material along a path, applying adhesive to the advancing first ribbon and the advancing second ribbon, and progressively bringing the first ribbon and the second ribbon into engagement with the advancing web of noncorrugated paperboard to adhere the first ribbon and the second ribbon to the web.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 1 and~~ wherein the ~~web of noncorrugated paperboard has~~ longitudinally extending panel portions include a first edge panel portion and a second edge panel portion, the first edge panel portion and the second edge panel portion extending along opposed edges of the web of paperboard edge portions and wherein at least ~~one of the plurality of ribbons of reinforcing material~~ the first ribbon is positioned to overlie substantially all of, but not beyond, ~~[[a]] the first edge panel portion extending along an opposed edge portion of the web of~~ paperboard.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 1 and wherein step (b) further comprises applying and adhering a first ribbon atop either the first ribbon or the second ribbon of reinforcing material to said web of noncorrugated paperboard overlying substantially all of, but not beyond, a panel portion thereof and applying and adhering a second an additional ribbon of reinforcing material atop the first ribbon of reinforcing material to form a double thickness of reinforcing material overlying the panel portion of the web.~~

7. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 1 and wherein the longitudinal fold lines include a first longitudinal fold line and a second longitudinal fold line, wherein an intermediate longitudinally extending panel portion extends between the first longitudinal fold line and the second longitudinal fold line web of noncorrugated paperboard has opposed edges and a panel portion intermediate the opposed edges, and wherein at least one of the ribbons of reinforcing material the first ribbon is positioned to overlie substantially all of, but not beyond, the intermediate panel portion intermediate the opposed edges of the web.~~

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 1 and further comprising the step of printing indicia on at least one of the first ribbon or the second at least one ribbon of reinforcing material, the indicia being visible from the inside of the carton cartons formed in step (d).~~

10. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 9 and wherein the indicia is printed on at least one of the first ribbon or the second at least one ribbon of reinforcing material before being the ribbon is applied and adhered to the web of noncorrugated paperboard in step (b).~~

11. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 1 and further comprising the step of scoring fold lines between to separate the longitudinally extending panel portions of the web of noncorrugated paperboard along which the carton blanks are folded in step (d) to form cartons.~~

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 11 12 and wherein the first ribbon or the second at least one ribbon of reinforcing material has an edge and wherein the step of scoring fold lines includes forming at least one fold line adjacent the edge of the first ribbon or the second ribbon.~~

14. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 1 and where in step (b) the at least one of the first ribbon or the second ribbon of reinforcing material comprises paperboard trim.~~

15. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as claimed in claim 1 and were in step (b) the at least one wherein at least one of the first ribbon or the second ribbon of reinforcing material comprises paperboard cull.~~

16.-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method of making a paperboard carton blank blanks comprising the steps of:

(a) advancing a web of noncorrugated paperboard along a path, the web of noncorrugated paperboard having a width and longitudinally extending panel portions that will each become a plurality of panels, the longitudinally extending panel portions being separated by longitudinal fold lines in completed carton blanks;

(b) laminating ~~a ribbon at least a first ribbon and a second ribbon~~ of reinforcing material to the advancing web of noncorrugated paperboard, the first ribbon and the second ribbon having a width less than the width of the web of noncorrugated paperboard, the first ribbon and being positioned on, and adhered to, substantially all of, but not beyond, a first longitudinally extending panel portion of the web of noncorrugated paperboard, and a second ribbon being positioned on, and adhered to, substantially all of, but not beyond, a second longitudinally extending panel portion of the web. the first ribbon and the second ribbon not extending across the longitudinal fold lines; and

(c) cutting the web of noncorrugated paperboard and the laminated first ribbon and second ribbon across their length into a carton blank blanks having panels, the first ribbon and the second laminated ribbon reinforcing at least one panel of each of the carton blank blanks.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 25 and where in step (b) wherein at least one of the first ribbon or the second~~
ribbon of reinforcing material ~~is a ribbon of~~ comprises paperboard.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 26 and wherein at least one of the first ribbon or the second~~ ribbon of
paperboard is comprises paperboard trim.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 26 and wherein at least one of the first ribbon or the second~~ ribbon of
paperboard is comprises paperboard cull.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 25 and wherein step (b) comprises advancing the first ribbon and the second~~
ribbon of reinforcing material along ~~paths a path,~~ applying adhesive to the first ribbon and the second
ribbon of reinforcing material, and bringing the first ribbon and the second ribbon into
contact with the web to adhere the first ribbon and the second ribbon to the web.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 25 30 and wherein at least a first edge panel portion extends panel portions~~

~~extend along opposed edges of the noncorrugated paperboard web and wherein at least one of the ribbons~~ the first ribbon of reinforcing material is positioned within the first edge ~~[[a]]~~ panel portion ~~along an edge of the web of noncorrugated paperboard.~~

32. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of ~~making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~ ~~claimed in claim 25 30 and~~ wherein the web of noncorrugated paperboard has opposed edges wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the first panel portion extends along the web intermediate the opposed edges, at ~~least one of the ribbons~~ the first ribbon of reinforcing material being applied within the first panel portion ~~intermediate the edges of the web of noncorrugated paperboard.~~

33. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of ~~making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~ ~~claimed in claim 25 30 and~~ wherein ~~at least one of the ribbons~~ an additional ribbon of reinforcing material is applied atop ~~another one of the ribbons~~ the first ribbon or the second ribbon of reinforcing material ~~within the panel portion~~ to form multiple layers of reinforcing material ~~within the panel portion of said web of noncorrugated paperboard.~~

34.-76. (Canceled)